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Evaluation of Locational Data in [REDACTED] per
your Request

1. Although no maps are available showing a new strategic highway leading southward from Tileagd to Chikitea, it is quite possible that such a road has been constructed southward from Tileagd to the Zeez Notare bauxite mining area. There is no populated place by the name of Cornet or Cornet-Calatea in this area, but Chikitea is a populated place at the geographic coordinates mentioned in the report. The distance from Tileagd to Chikitea is less than 32 kilometers, however, and the distance from Chikitea to Vadul Crisului is considerably less than the 30-kilometer figure estimated in the report. If the road were to branch at Chikitea, as stated, the Beleg branch should lead to the south rather than to the west -- unless it leads westward a very short distance and then turns southward.

2. The Zeez Notare Mountains are located south of Chikitea and not in the vicinity of the town of Notar. The Cornet-Calatea Exploitation Plant may well be simply an arbitrary name given to the area for administrative purposes. The Zeez Notare Mountains are approximately 600-800 meters in elevation, as stated, and do extend as far as Vadul Crisului.

3. Chikitea is located within approximately 10 kilometers of Chisinau and the Alsed railroad station, and ore mined near Chikitea might reasonably be trucked to Alsed for rail shipment.

4. [REDACTED] appears to be somewhat confused in his estimate of directions and distances, but apparently is referring to the established Zeez Notare bauxite mining area. Individual mines in the area might well be located near Chikitea.

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